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Successful fire management within the Northern Rockies Geographic Area requires close cooperation among a number of fire departments, agencies, and organizations. Dispatchers and fire personnel must be knowledgeable of the abilities and needs of cooperators. Copies of co-op agreements and operating plans must be available to dispatchers and fire managers. It is generally most effective to handle cooperative efforts at a local level.

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This Agreement provides for joint fire protection on intermingled or adjacent Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands.

**42.9 Memorandum of Understanding Between Region 1, USFS, and the Bureau of Land Management in Idaho and Montana (FS-01-82-22 dated 10/17/82).**

This agreement provides for Forest Service protection of Bureau of Land Management lands in northern Idaho and Bureau of Land Management protection of Forest Service lands in Montana. Because of the land ownership patterns of the Forest Service and BLM in relation to field offices, protection is exchanged on an offset basis.

**42.10 Memorandum of Understanding Between Rocky Mountain and Northwest Regions, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Region 1 USDA-Forest Service, Montana Bureau of Land Management, Rocky Mountain Region National Park Service (8/18/83).**

This Memorandum of Understanding establishes guidelines and procedures for use and dispatch of Northern Region Indian firefighters for forest fire control work.

All agencies will place requests for crews with the Northern Rockies Coordination Center GAC via their local Dispatch Coordination Center, with the following exception: in local situations for fire or otherwise, where reservations or agencies bordering reservations need crews of less than normal structure or where normal ordering procedures for full crews are not practical for the user agency, crews may be ordered directly from the Bureau of Indian Affairs representative on the reservation. When the exception to normal ordering procedure for full crews is initiated, the user agency will notify the Dispatch Coordination Center of their action.

**42.11 Interagency Agreement between the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Portland Area, U.S. Department of Interior, and Forest Service, Northern Region, U.S. Department of Agriculture (5/19/87)**

Establishes general guidelines and procedures for use and dispatch of Idaho Indian Firefighters.

**42.12 Memorandum of Agreement between the Regional Forester, Region 1; the State Forester, State of Montana, and Burlington Northern Railroad (FS-01-91-03 dated 2/12/91)**

The Burlington Northern and the Forest Service agree to cooperate to the fullest extent reasonably and legally possible relative to the prevention and suppression of fires on and adjacent to the Company's right-of-way wherever its railroad runs on lands protected by Region 1 of the Forest Service.

**42.13 Memorandum of Agreement - Region 1, State of Montana, and Montana Rail Link (FS-01-88-16 dated 6/15/88)**

The parties agree to cooperate to the fullest extent reasonably and legally possible relative to the prevention and suppression of fires on and adjacent to Montana Rail Link's right-of-way wherever its railroad runs on lands protected by the Forest Service or State of Montana.

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## **45 NATIONAL GUARD**

### **45.1 MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD (dated 05/##/06)**

The Cooperative Agreement outlines use and procedures for requesting assistance from the Montana National Guard for emergency firefighting personnel and equipment on Federal, State, and private lands under control of either the USDA-Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, or State of Montana. Further discussion on the use of Montana National Guard resources may be found in the Montana D & ES Standard Operating Procedures.

### **45.2 IDAHO NATIONAL GUARD EMERGENCY FIREFIGHTING PLAN AGREEMENT**

The plan is written to clarify the use and procedures for requesting assistance from the Idaho Army National Guard for emergency firefighting on Federal, State, and private lands under control of either the USDA-Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, or State of Idaho. Concept of operation is included in the plan.

## **46 STATES**

### **46.1 MONTANA (Agreement FS-01-98-20-5100 dated 03/31/98)**

(Cooperative Fire Management Agreement between State of Montana, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Montana and Dakotas; National Park Service, Intermountain Region; Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Northwest and Rocky Mountain Regions; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mountain-Prairie Region; and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Northern Region)

This agreement provides for wildland fire protection cooperation between Montana State and the BLM, NPS, BIA, FWS and USFS lands within the State and intermingled State, county, municipal or privately owned land. It is to the mutual advantage of the Agencies to coordinate efforts on all wildland fire protection and aviation activities. The fire protection organization of either party may be made available to the other, on a reimbursement basis, to assist in providing fire protection on lands under the jurisdiction of the other party.

### **46.2 IDAHO (Agreement FS-01-96-04-5100 dated 3/29/01)**

(State of Idaho, Department of Public Lands; USDA-Forest Service Pacific Northwest, Intermountain and Northern Regions; US Fish & Wildlife Service Pacific Region; Bureau of Indian Affairs Portland Area; National Park Service Pacific West Field Area; and US Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management - Idaho)

This agreement provides for fire suppression cooperation between Idaho and the USDA-Forest Service on National Forest lands and respective Federal Agency lands within the State and intermingled State, county, municipal or privately owned land. The fire protection organization of either party may be made available to the other, on a reimbursement basis, to assist in providing fire protection on lands under the jurisdiction of the other party.

**46.3 NORTH DAKOTA (Agreement FS-00-FI-11015600-024 dated 7/21/00)**

This agreement provides for fire suppression cooperation between North Dakota and the USDA-Forest Service on National Forest lands within the State and intermingled State, county, municipal or privately owned land. The fire protection organization of either party may be made available to the other, on a reimbursement basis, to assist in providing fire protection on lands under the jurisdiction of the other party.

**46.4 MONTANA DIVISION of DISASTER and EMERGENCY SERVICES (Agreement FS-01-96-03-5700 dated 2/9/96)**

This collection agreement provides for the Forest Service to be reimbursed for costs expended supporting non-wildfire incidents.

Reference the Northern Rockies Coordination Center's Agreement binder.

**47 OTHER****47.1 INDIVIDUAL AGENCY AGREEMENTS****BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT****Lewistown and Miles City Districts and Charles M. Russell Wildlife Refuge:**

Mutual aid agreement describing initial and extended attack responsibilities of these units.

**FOREST SERVICE**

**Memorandum of Understanding Between Region 1 and Region 4:** This agreement is formulated to facilitate the exchange of fire suppression resources between Region 1 and Region 4 of the Forest Service.

**Memorandum of Understanding Between Region 1 and Region 6:** Facilitates closest forces initial attack for smokejumpers, air tankers, and helicopters between the Umatilla and Nezperce National Forests.

**Memorandum of Understanding between Region 1 and Region 3:** Prepositions a smokejumper aircraft in Region 3 and provides for smokejumpers upon request.

**Regions 1, 4, and 6 Tri-Forest Agreement:** Provides for sharing of initial attack resources between the Payette, Nezperce, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests.

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE****Glacier National Park and Waterton Lakes National Park, Alberta, Canada:**

Defines initial attack and search and rescue activities, which may occur between these two parks.

**NEZ PERCE TRIBE****Memorandum of Understanding Between the Nez Perce Tribe and the U.S.**

**Forest Service, Nez Perce National Forest:** Provides for the U.S. Forest Service training and dispatch of 20 person firefighting crews supplied by the tribe.



## **47.2 COMPACTS**

### **NORTHWEST COMPACT**

(Northwest Compact – Public Law 105-377-Nov12, 1998)

The purpose of the Northwest Compact is “...to promote effective prevention, pre-suppression, and control of forest fires in the Northwest wildland region of the United States and adjacent areas of Canada...”. The agreement allows the members; Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Yukon Territory, British Columbia, and Alberta, to request and provide mutual aid resources from each other. “Members may request the United States Forest Service to act as the coordinating agency of the Northwest Wildland Fire Protection Agreement in cooperation with the appropriate agencies for each member”.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT (EMAC)**

The purpose of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact is “to allow smooth interstate emergency assistance between member states regarding resource commitment”. The Governor of the requesting State must issue an emergency declaration prior to a request for assistance under EMAC. In addition, the Governor must approve all EMAC requests. In Montana, EMAC requests are placed to Montana Disaster & Emergency Services. EMAC member states are: Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

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